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## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 613 By Ford S

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Pat Baird, a teacher at
Morristown High School, on being selected
Hamblen County High School Teacher of the
Year

WHEREAS, each year, teachers are nominated by their school's faculty, and a grade level selection committee then chooses the Hamblen County High School Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Pat Baird, a popular and respected teacher at Morristown High School, was appropriately honored as the 1998 Hamblen County High School Teacher of the Year; and

WHEREAS, she expertly teaches Accounting I, Automated Accounting, and Keyboarding; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Baird received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Education from the University of Tennessee in 1968, and her Master's in Business Education from UT in 1978. She has also completed 15 hours in the Future Business Leaders of America program; and

WHEREAS, a Career Level Teacher, Ms. Baird has been previously honored as the 1991 Morristown Teacher of the Year, and the 1985 Distinguished Teacher of the Year; she is a past Advisor of the Morristown Anchor Club; and

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WHEREAS, Ms. Baird has also served with distinction as a valuable member of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Evaluation Team and has been a Carson-Newman Student Teacher Coordinator; and

WHEREAS, her admirable teaching philosophy is based upon her strong desire to teach. She has stated: "The greatest reward comes in the sense of doing a job that is meaningful and important. Teaching can be exciting because a teacher is privileged to watch learning take place and this experience can be renewed every day, year after year"; and

WHEREAS, Morristown High School Principal Jerry Wiiliams has praised her, saying:
"She doesn't work beyond the call of duty because she has to, but because she wants to make
the classroom a better place for her students."; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to specially recognize one of our best and brightest teachers; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Pat Baird on being selected 1998 Hamblen County High School Teacher of the Year and extend to her our best wishes for future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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